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**Amendment dated April 25, 2005**  
**In Reply to Office Action dated February 25, 2005**

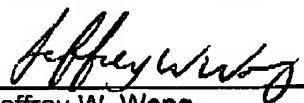
**ELECTION and REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of February 25, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects to restrict the application to Invention 1, Species 2, sub-species 1 with traverse and without prejudice to the right to later file at least one divisional application based on the non-elected subject-matter, if a generic claim is not finally held to be allowable.

However, Applicant partially traverses the restriction requirement, in particular submitting that inventions II to V should be should be examined together with the elected species. Inventions II to V all relate to methods of manufacturing the exhaust flanges as elected above.

We look forward to further communication on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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